

REMARKS**Status of Claims**

Claims 22-98 are pending, claims 1-21 are cancelled, and claims 44 and 45 are withdrawn from further consideration. Pending claims 22-98 are subject to restriction, Group VII (claims 22-43, 46-63, 65, 81, 82 and 98) and Group VIII (claims 64, 66-80, 83-97).

As an initial matter, Applicants disagree with the Examiner's assertion that claim 22 and all dependent claims thereof constitute new matter. Applicants also disagree with the Examiner's assertion that the term "single line of symmetry", without further qualification, has no particular meaning to organic or inorganic chemists or to the elected species. However, because this is a response to restriction requirement, and as the Examiner points out, the issue is the distinctiveness between Group VII and VIII, Applicants will not further discuss their disagreeing with statements made by the Examiner.

However, in order to expedite prosecution of this case, the Applicants hereby elect Group VIII (claims 64, 66-80, 83-97) for continued examination, without traverse.

Applicants have not dedicated or abandoned any unclaimed subject matter and moreover have not acquiesced to any rejections and/or objections made by the Patent Office. Applicants reserve the right to pursue prosecution of any presently excluded claim embodiments in future continuation and/or divisional applications.

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested. If it is determined that a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Assistant Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 252312005704. However, the Assistant Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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